

II. REMARKS

Formal Matters

Claims 3, 4, 7, 10, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28, 30-35, 37-45, and 47-50 are pending after entry of the amendments set forth herein.

Claims 3, 4, 7, 10, 14, 20, 21, and 27-47 were examined. Claims 4, 7, 10, 14, 20, 21, 27, 29-33, 36, and 40-47 were rejected. Claims 4 and 28 were objected to. Claims 34, 35, and 37-39 were allowed.

Claims 3, 4, 7, 10, 27, 31, and 32 are amended. The amendments to the claims were made solely in the interest of expediting prosecution, and are not to be construed as an acquiescence to any objection or rejection of any claim. Support for the amendments to claims 3, 4, 7, 10, 27, 31, and 32 is found in the claims as originally filed, and throughout the specification, and in particular at the following exemplary locations: paragraphs 0034 and 0073. Accordingly, no new matter is added by these amendments.

Claims 29, 36, and 46 are canceled without prejudice to renewal, without intent to acquiesce to any rejection, and without intent to surrender any subject matter encompassed by the canceled claims. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue any canceled subject matter in one or more continuation and/or divisional applications.

Claims 48-50 are added. Support for new claims 48-50 is found in the claims as originally filed, and throughout the specification, including the following exemplary locations: claims 48 and 49: paragraph 0070; and claim 50: paragraph 0009. Accordingly, no new matter is added by these new claims.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the remarks made herein.

Notice of non-responsive amendment

The Office Communication mailed October 28, 2004 stated that the claim amendments filed on August 10, 2004 do not comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c) because the changes in amended claim 3 are not clearly and completely indicated, e.g., added text was not completely underlined.

Applicants submit herewith a complete listing of the claims, showing all of the amendments made in the amendment, filed on August 10, 2004 and responsive to the June 2, 2004 Office Action, and including the amendments to claim 3, which are now in compliance with the requirements of 37

C.F.R. §1.121(c). Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments to the claims. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the application.

III. CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number UCAL-203.

Respectfully submitted,
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